

April 16, 2003

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Commission's order in Docket 86-127, one copy of the Rate of Return Report (Form 492A) for the reporting period 07/01/2002 – 12/31/2002 is enclosed for CenturyTel of Southern Alabama (COSA Code: GTAL)

If there are any questions concerning this report, please contact me at (318) 388-9086.

Sincerely,


Nolan Moullé, Jr.
Vice President -- Revenues

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cc: Katie Rangos

See reverse side for information regarding public burden estimate.

1. Name and Address of Reporting Company
CenturyTel of Southern Alabama (Alabama-GTAL)
100 CenturyTel Drive
P.O. Box 4065
Monroe, LA 71203

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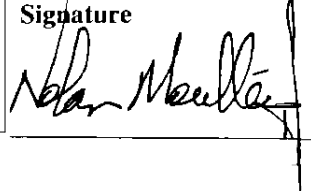
2. Reporting Calendar Year
(A) From: 07/01/2002 To: 12/31/2002
(B) First Report Filed: April 16, 2003
(C) Final Report Filed

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3. Items	Total Interstate Services Subject to Price-Cap Regulation		
	First Report Column A	Final Report Column B	Difference Column C = (B - A)
1. Total Revenues	17,631		
2. Total Expenses and Taxes	10,281		
3. Operating Income (Net Return)(Ln1-Ln2)	7,350		
4. Kale Raw (Avg Net Investment)	46,537		
5. Rate of Return (Ln3/Ln4)	15.79		
6. Sharing/Low End Adjustment Amount	0		
7. FCC Ordered Refund - Amortized for Current Period	0		

REMARKS

The rate of return is representative of the time period commencing from date of ownership beginning July 1, 2002. The annualized rate of return is 31.59%.

Date	Typed Name of Person Signing	Title of Person Signing	Signature
April 16, 2003	Nolan A. Moule, Jr.	Vice President - Revenues	
	Telephone No. (318) 388-9080		